

Sin And Repentance

"Dirty Words", Part 1 of 10
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***Sin is the power that causes us to repeatedly ___MISS THE MARK___
of God's holy and righteous laws and standards.**

I) FIVE FACTS TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT SIN

1) Sin is ___UNIVERSAL___: We all possess it by nature.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23, NIV)

2) Sin is ___POWERFUL___: We all struggle with its forcefulness.

"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." (Romans 7:18, NIV)

3) Sin is ___DECEPTIVE___: We all can be fooled by its consequences.

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." (Romans 7:15, NIV)

4) Sin is ___DEADLY___: We all will be separated from God in it.

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23a, NIV)

5) Sin is ___EVIL___: God cannot even look at it.

"[Lord] Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong." (Habakkuk 1:13a, NIV)

II) THREE COMMON SOURCES OF SIN

1) The ___WORLD___ we live in. It tries to normalize sin.

"Do not love the world or anything in the world... For everything in the world— the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does— comes not from the Father but from the world." (1 John 2:15-16, NIV)

2) The ___FLESH___ we dwell in. It tries to self-satisfy sin.

"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires." (Romans 6:12, NIV)

3) The ___DEVIL___ we strive against. He tries to rationalize sin.

"[The serpent] said to the woman, 'Did God really say...'" (Genesis 3:1, NIV)

III) THE ONE ANSWER FOR SIN: REPENTANCE

***Repentance is the act of ___CHANGING OUR MIND___
about ___SIN___, about ___OURSELVES___, and about ___GOD___.**

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret..." (2 Corinthians 7:10a, NIV)

IV) FOUR IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS ABOUT SIN

1) Don't ___PLAY WITH SIN___: You will always lose in the end.

"...you may be sure that your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23b, NIV)

2) Don't ___GLAMORIZE SIN___: The pleasure is always temporary.

"Choosing rather to suffer... than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." (Hebrews 11:25, NIV)

3) Don't ___RATIONALIZE SIN___: Keep very short accounts with it.

"I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover it up...you forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5, NIV)

4) Do soak up ___THE BIBLE REGULARLY___: It will keep you from sin.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11, NIV)

"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God— through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:24-25, NIV)